

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 19, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Devotional & Pledge:** Councilmember Campbell offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Mayor Holder presided. Council Members: Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Bessie Kicklighter and Judy Shuman.

**Staff Present:** Brian Johnson, City Manager; Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Cory Salley, Finance Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Sara Berry, Public Works Administrative Assistant; Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Scott Alison, PED Director and Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director.

**Board & Committee Reports:**

PED Director presented the Planning Commission Minutes dated 11/13/12.

**Informal Public Comment:**

Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive informal public comment.

Mr. Patrick Johnson, 4023 Third Street, expressed the following concerns:

- Motorists and tractor trailers using Third Street as a bypass road and not obeying the speed limit.
- Low water pressure in the Rossignol Hill area.
- Would like to see police foot patrol in the Rossignol Hill area.

Mr. Johnson said I attended the Garden City Housing Team Meeting and I have a better understanding of what is being done.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**Public Hearings:**

**FY2013 Operating & Capital Budget Presentation:** The City Manager presented the FY2013 Operating & Capital Budget for public comment.

Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive questions or comments from the public on the FY2013 Operating & Capital Budget.

Ms. Misty Selph, 2622 Woodlawn Avenue, said I appreciate Mayor, Council and Staff's work on the budget. She said I see in the budget that there is a substantial increase in the Legislative Department's

budget and a substantial decrease in the Parks & Recreation Department's budget. She said I would like to ask for clarification on these two items.

City Manager said the Legislative budget looks larger, but there are no additional expenses. He said the contingency is larger, because they haven't appropriated it yet.

City Manager said the Parks & Recreation budget did not operationally decrease. He said in 2012 a number of capital improvement projects were done such as the lights at Bazemore Park, a number of stadium improvements, a new roof on the senior center and fencing at Bazemore. He said operationally the budget stayed the same.

Ms. Selph asked for clarification on the Gateway project on CIP list.

City Manager said City Council has not appropriated money to the Gateway site. He said we got a \$50,000 grant for that project. He said at the recommendation of City Council money was budgeted to have someone professionally maintain the site and to replace the Garden City monument signs.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on the FY13 Budget.

**PC1223, Rezoning Request – Glen Hart (2826 Hwy. 80):** Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Glenn Hart, property owner to rezone 2826 Highway 80 from a C2A zoning district to a C2 zoning district for use as a child care center.

Ms. Perry, 101 Cross Creek Drive, said I own and operate Kids Place in Garden City. She said I have been in the day care business for over 20 years. She said Mr. Hart is the current owner and I am in the process of purchasing the property from him to open a day care and tutor business. She said the property is currently zone C2A and I am requesting the property be rezoned to C2 to remove the alcohol designation.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on PC1223.

**PC1224, Minor Subdivision Request – Southern Carpenter's Training Trust (40 Telfair Place):** Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Southern Carpenter's Training Trust for a minor subdivision of 40 Telfair Place.

Mr. Terry Coleman, Southbridge Blvd., said I represent Southern Carpenter's Training Trust and they are requesting a minor subdivision of their property for a new training facility.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on PC1224.

**PC1225, Minor Subdivision Request – Port City Equipment & Rental Company (4907 Old Louisville Rd.):** Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Port City Equipment & Rental Company, property owner for a minor subdivision of 4907 Old Louisville Road.

Mr. Terry Coleman, Southbridge Blvd., said I represent Port City Equipment & Rental Company and they are requesting a minor subdivision of their property. He said we have addressed the comments from the Planning Commission Meeting regarding the ingress/egress and the retention pond.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on PC1225.

**PC1226, Rezoning Request – Greg Reid Representing Velma Harward (6 Tower Dr.):** Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Greg Reid representing property owner Velma Harward to rezone 6 Tower Drive from R-1 to C-2 for future use as office space.

Mr. Greg Reid said I represent Ms. Velma Harward and she is requesting to rezone the property from R1 to C2. He said the property used to be zoned C2, but was changed several years ago to R1 to allow a mobile home to be placed on the property. He said there is an insurance company looking to locate there.

Mr. Wayne Shuman, 7 Tower Drive, said I have no objection to the property being rezoned to C2.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on PC1226.

Councilmember Bethune said I have questions on several of the Planning Commission cases that I would like to ask the PED Director for clarification.

Councilmember Bethune said there are a large number of vehicles parked on the weekend at the Carpenter's Training facility and I would like to know how the parking is going to be handled.

PED Director said this is a new building and they will have to meet all of the parking requirements based on square footage.

Councilmember Bethune asked if the Port City's street access had been addressed.

PED Director said yes and they will meet the City's requirements.

Councilmember Bethune inquired if the Tower Drive rezoning complies with the future land use plan.

PED Director said yes. He said the front properties facing and adjacent to Ogeechee Road properties are zoned commercial. He said this Tower Drive property rezoning is the dividing line between commercial and residential on Tower Drive.

**City Council Minutes:**

**City Council Minutes dated 11/5/12:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 11/5/12.

**Special Called City Council Minutes dated 11/6/12:** Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the special called city council minutes dated 11/6/12.

**Staff Reports:**

Director of Finance presented the Finance Department's Monthly Status Report.

Director of Water Operations presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report.

Councilmember Kicklighter asked the Water Operations Director to explain what the City was doing to help the water pressure in the Rossignol Hill area.

Water Operations Director said we have a project to loop the lines which should help the water pressure.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report.

Chief Lyons said the Police Department received its CALEA reaccreditation with excellence. He said the Police Department is in the top tier with only two agencies in Georgia and 16% in the United States being reaccredited with excellence.

**City Manager Updates:**

City Manager said I met with the resident who expressed concerns about transportation in the north part of the City and got him up to speed.

City Manager said I spoke with the Ports Authority and they are still working on installing the devices to reduce the noise. He said that they plan to come back before City Council to give an update sometime during the first quarter of the next year.

City Manager said the Police performed a citywide traffic enforcement update. He said they are recommending that Third Street and Davis be turned into a four-way stop as a traffic calming measure. He said they are in the process of drafting an ordinance to go before city council.

City Manager asked Mr. Johnson to speak with the Chief of Police regarding the officers patrolling the Rossignol Hill area on foot.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Resolution, Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals:** Mayor Holder read a resolution to authorize renewal of Garden City alcohol licenses for the 2013 calendar year; to provide for review and limited investigation of said license holders; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the 2013 alcoholic beverage license renewals resolution

**Resolution, City Council Meeting Schedule:** Mayor Holder read a resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of the City Council; to eliminate the December 17, 2012 regular meeting of the City Council.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember George, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the amendment to the city council meeting schedule resolution.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Holder made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, to adjourn the meeting. City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

*Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council*

*Adopted by City Council: 12/3/12*